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Charge Reds Inflamm Public for U-2 Trial

The United States charged today that Russia is making "hysterical efforts" to "inflamm public opinion in advance" of the Aug. 17 trial in Moscow of U. S. spy plane pilot Francis G. Powers.

At the same time, the State Department disclosed that Russia has formally rejected appeals that American lawyers be permitted to assist in Mr. Powers' defense. Mr. Powers was captured May 1 when his U-2 reconnaissance plane was brought down 1360 miles inside Russia.

The department released an Aug. 4 Soviet note in which the Russians said a member of the Moscow City lawyers' collegium—"Attorney Griniv"—had been assigned to defend Mr. Powers and already has had "several meetings" with the imprisoned airman.

The State Department said charges in the Soviet newspaper Trud that American exchange student Edwin Morrell, 31, was expelled from Moscow University in June for spying was only one incident in a stepped-up campaign to create a hysterical atmosphere for the Powers trial.

The State Department said Mr. Morrell was asked to leave because of failure to carry on his studies satisfactorily. It said no charges of espionage activities were made until the Trud article printed yesterday.